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SUBJECT: SPECIAL IATTC MEETING ON PORPOISE

1. THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)
WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE TUNA
PORPOISE PROBLEM JUNE 27-29 IN SAN DIEGO. ADDRESSEES
COMPRISE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION, ALONG WITH THE
U.S. SPECIAL MEETING IS BEING HELD LARGELY AT THE INITIA-
TIVE OF THE U.S.

2. THE PROBLEM OF ACCIDENTALLY KILLING PORPOISE WHILE
PURSE SEINING FOR TUNA HAS REACHED MAJOR PROPORTIONS AS
A DOMESTIC ISSUE IN THE UNITED STATES. U.S. LEGISLATION
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AND REGULATIONS HAVE ESSENTIALLY PREVENTED U.S. FLEET
FROM OPERATING DURING MOST OF 1977. INCREASING ATTENTION
IS BEING GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM AS
STRICT REGULATION OF U.S. FISHERMEN STANDS IN CONTRAST TO
FAILURE OF MANY, IF NOT MOST, FOREIGN VESSELS TO ADOPT
PORPOISE-SAVING FISHING TECHNIQUES AND GEAR. POSTS ARE,
OF COURSE, AWARE OF NEW, VERY TOUGH U.S. REGULATIONS

GOVERNING IMPORTATION OF TUNA WHICH REFLECT INCREASED
AWARENESS WITHIN U.S. OF FOREIGN DIMENSION OF PORPOISE
PROBLEM.

3. IN PREPARATION FOR JUNE MEETING, IATTC STAFF IS

PREPARING DETAILED STUDY WHICH IS NOT YET AVAILABLE.
SPECIFICS OF U.S. POSITION AT MEETING WILL BE DEVELOPED
IN LIGHT OF OPTIONS PRESENTED BY IATTC PAPER AND WILL
BE MADE IN CONTEXT OF THIS PAPER WHICH WILL BE BASIC
WORKING DOCUMENT AT JUNE MEETING. POSTS SHOULD APPROACH
APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DRAWING ON
ABOVE, STRESS GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH USG IS ATTACHING
TO UPCOMING IATTC MEETING. WHILE NOT IN A POSITION
TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF U.S. POSITION AT THIS TIME,
POSTS SHOULD INDICATE THAT, GENERALLY SPEAKING, U.S. WILL
BE SEEKING AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES ON EXPANDED
ROLE FOR COMMISSION IN PORPOISE RESEARCH AND CONSERVA-
TION, AND, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, WILL BE PRESSING
FOR THE ADOPTION OF SPECIFIC MEASURES ALONG THESE LINES.
SUCH MEASURES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MEAN AN INCREASED BUDGET
FOR THE COMMISSION TO ACCOMMODATE EXPANDED RESEARCH AND
COULD POSSIBLY INCLUDE AN INTERNATIONAL, IATTC-SPONSORED
TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FISHING CAPTAINS AND THE BEGINNINGS
OF AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER PROGRAM. POSTS
SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT OF HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR GENERAL U.S.
POSITION AS OUTLINED ABOVE AND FOR A POSITIVE AND COOPERA-
TIVE APPROACH TO JUNE MEETING. ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF
POSSIBLE PROHIBITION ON TUNA IMPORTS, WHICH HAS BEEN
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DELAYED UNTIL AUGUST 1, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT
JUNE MEETING HAVE POSITIVE AND CONCRETE RESULTS FURTHERING
INTERNATIONAL PORPOISE CONSERVATION. CHRISTOPHER

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